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1. CONTINUING STUDENT PROTEST WAS GIVEN EXPANDED COVERAGE BY ROK MEDIA NOVEMBER 9. ARTICLES REPORTING STUDENT MEETINGS, CLASS BOYCOTTS AND ARRESTS APPEARED IN ZAQNV ILBON TONGA ILBO, CHUNGANG ILBO, KYONGHYANG SINMUN AND IN GOVERNMENT-OWNED SEOUL SINMUN. STUDENT DEVELOPMENTS WERE ALSO REPORTED BY TONGA AND CHRISTIAN RADIO.

2. PRESS SOURCES INFORMED USIS THAT KOREAN CIA HAD RELAXED ITS PRESS GUIDELINES AS ON NOV 9 TO PERMIT REPORTS OF STUDENT MEETINGS AND DEMONSTRATIONS, CLASS BOYCOTTS AND ARRESTS OF STUDENTS.

3. ON THE STUDENT SCENE, THESE WERE THE DAY'S DEVELOPMENTS:

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A. STUDENTS AT KOREA UNIVERSITY HELD A MEETING

AND COLLECTED 1,000 SIGNATURES ON A PETITION
DEMANDING RELEASE OF ALL ARRESTED STUDENTS.

B. AT SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (SNU) AGRICULTURAL
COLLEGE IN SUWON. STUDENTS HAD A SIT-DOWN
DEMONSTRATION ON CAMPUS AND DEMANDED RESTORATION
OF DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS, RELEASE OF ARRESTED STUDENTS AND EXPULSION
OF "COMPRADOR CAPITAL". NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
WAS VARIOUSLY REPORTED BETWEEN 300 AND 600.

C. ABOUT 250 STUDENTS AT SNU DENTAL COLLEGE
HELD A MEETING AND LAUNCHED ANOTHER CLASS BOYCOTT
DEMANDING AMNESTY FOR ARRESTED STUDENTS AND
FREEDOM ON CAMPUS.

D. PRESS REPORTED ARREST OF TWO MORE STUDENT
ACTIVISTS, ONE EACH AT SNU LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE
AND KYONGBUK UNIVERSITY.
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